

R. Jamin
Temperance

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Opening: September 12, 6–8pm

David Peter Francis is pleased to present *Temperance*, Los Angeles-based artist R. Jamin's first exhibition with the gallery, and first solo show in New York City. The exhibition features new work from the artist's multidisciplinary practice; a practice that situates itself as a visualizer of the unknowable and an examiner of the many definitions of infinity.

Language, and its various forms, works as a foundational tenet of the artist's epistemology. Jamin has a particular fascination with symbols, both their use in alchemy and their function through imagery. Doves appear frequently across this body of work—the artist has developed a close relationship with the species as a caretaker for a colony on the roof of the Museum of Jurassic Technology, specifically ones that were flightless. Here, a feather balances weightlessly on an impossibly sharp metal spear (*Valentine IV*, 2024), two are rendered in graphite locked beak-to-beak in a ritual mating dance (*Foundation Pit*, 2024). Jamin harnesses their capacity to memorialize and mythologize—they are temporal, and they are love.

An interest in myth continues to permeate—works like *The Tunguska Event* (2024) and *MacCruiskeen's Spear* (2024) reference a 1908 impact event in Siberia and an inventor of paradoxical objects from the Irish absurdist novel *The Third Policeman*, respectively. Both accounts lack a visual record, a challenge which Jamin synthesizes into compositions that foray into the transcendental and divine. Three of the artist's largest drawings in the exhibition act as three vignettes of the same conjured vision, a contemporary parable that whispers as it speaks.

Considered all together, Jamin's practice asks us how to properly hold a memory, whether real or lore. She also asks us to envision what lies beyond our perceptions—a past that wasn't previously visible, and a future that is of our own making.

R. Jamin (b. Los Angeles) lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.